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Andrew: Thanks for your note. I believe your understanding of the present situation is accurate. After the holidays, Rich and I will make inquiries of AR's technical team for further particulars and let you know the current status of our on-going efforts to gain access to off-site properties for purposes of further defining off-site groundwater concentrations. We appreciate your offer to consider how EPA might be able to assist us with gaining access and we look forward to discussing these issues with you after the holidays.

Let's plan on touching base some time during the week of January 6. Until then, best wishes for a relaxing and joyous holiday with your family and friends.

Best regards,

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Jim and Rich,

Sorry to run a question by you on Christmas Eve, and although I think that a response can wait until after the holidays, I wasn't confident that my memory would hold until then. I understand that there is a series of wells to the north and a bit east of the Yerington site that are planned to confirm some down gradient limits of the site plume. I understand that access is worked out for most of these, but that there are a few for which it is not, and particularly among these are four wells that are anticipated to demonstrate non-site impacts (and possibly to confirm agricultural concentration of natural uranium in the shallow aquifer, perhaps facilitated by the use of nitrates). As we can, let's talk about what you see as issues here, if any, and how EPA may facilitate getting access to ensure that work continues steady progress.

Until then, of course, Merry Christmas! I trust that you and your families will find your comfort and joy. I will be out a bit next week, so I may as well wish you Happy New Year now, too....

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